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A proposed amendment is attached.

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The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

1. (currently amended) A device to correct interference errors in a measuring installation (A), ~~that includes~~ comprising:

at least two magnetic sensors ( $1_1, 1_2$ ) for measuring the position of mobile elements ( $2_1, 2_2$ ) that are moving along adjacent trajectories, where each magnetic measuring sensor ( $S_1, S_2$ ) delivers a measurement signal that is representative of the position of the mobile element in an open magnetic circuit ( $3_1, 3_2$ ),

and resources (M) for processing the measurement signals delivered by the magnetic measuring sensors,

~~characterised in that wherein~~ the processing resources (M) include resources for correction of the magnetic measurement signals in order to take account of interference errors between the adjacent magnetic sensors ( $1_1, 1_2$ ) with a view to obtaining a corrected measurement signal ( $S_{1c}, S_{2c}$ ) for each magnetic measuring sensor.

2. (currently amended) A device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the correction resources correct the measurement signal ( $S_1, S_2$ ) of each magnetic measuring sensor ( $1_1, 1_2$ ) according to the value of the measurement signals of the magnetic measuring sensor concerned and of the other magnetic measuring sensors.

3. (currently amended) A device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the processing resources (M) deliver a corrected measurement signal for each magnetic measuring sensor such that:

$$S_{1c} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=0}^i \alpha_{ij} S_1^j S_2^{i-j} \right)$$

$$S_{2c} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=0}^i \alpha'_{ij} S_2^j S_1^{i-j} \right)$$

where  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha'$  are correction coefficients  
and n is the correction order.

4. (currently amended) A device according to claim 3,  
~~characterised in that wherein~~, for each magnetic measuring sensor  
( $l_1$ ,  $l_2$ ), the processing resources (M) deliver a corrected  
measurement signal such that for a correction order of  $n = 3$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  
 $i$ ,  $j$  and  $\alpha'$  are such that:

$$\alpha_{10} = a - c ,$$

$$\alpha_{11} = 1 + c$$

$$\alpha'_{10} = a' - c' ,$$

$$\alpha'_{11} = 1 + c'$$

$$\alpha_{20} = 0 = \alpha'_{20} ,$$

$$\alpha_{21} = \alpha'_{21} = 0 , \quad \alpha_{22} = \alpha'_{22} = 0$$

$$\alpha_{30} = -b ,$$

$$\alpha_{31} = 3b ,$$

$$\alpha_{32} = -3b ,$$

$$\alpha_{33} = b$$

$$\alpha'_{30} = -b' ,$$

$$\alpha'_{31} = 3b' ,$$

$$\alpha'_{32} = -3b' ,$$

$$\alpha'_{33} = b'$$

where a, b, c, a', b', c' are correction coefficients so  
that:

$$S_{1c} = (1 + c) S_1 + (a - c) S_2 + 3bS_1 S_2^2 - 3bS_1^2 S_2 + bS_1^3 - bS_2^3$$

$$S_{2c} = (1 + c') S_2 + (a' - c') S_1 + 3b'S_2 S_1^2 - 3b'S_2^2 S_1 + b'S_2^3 - b'S_1^3$$

or

$$S_{1c} = S_1 + aS_2 + b(S_1 - S_2)^3 + c(S_1 - S_2)$$

and

$$S_{2c} = S_2 + a'S_1 + b'(S_2 - S_1)^3 + c'(S_2 - S_1)$$

5. (currently amended) A device according to claim 3,  
~~characterised in that wherein~~, for each magnetic measuring sensor  
( $l_1$ ,  $l_2$ ), the processing resources (M) deliver a corrected  
measurement signal such that, for a correction order of  $n = 1$ ,  
the values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha'$ ,  $i$ , and  $j$  are such that:  $\alpha_{10} = a$ ,  $\alpha_{11} = a'$  and  
 $\alpha'_{10} = a'$ ,  $\alpha'_{11} = 1$  so that:

$$S_{1c} = S_1 + aS_2 , \text{ and } S_{2c} = S_2 + a'S_1$$

6. (currently amended) A device according to claim 1,  
~~characterised in that wherein~~ each measurement signal  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  is  
such that:

$$S_1 = \frac{S_a - S_b}{S_a + S_b}$$

$$S_2 = \frac{S_d - S_c}{S_d + S_c}$$

where  $S_a$ ,  $S_b$ , and  $S_c$ ,  $S_d$  are a pair of elementary measurement signals delivered by a pair of measurement cells mounted in the open magnetic circuit.

7. (currently amended) A measuring installation  
~~characterised in that it includes~~ comprising:

- a first magnetic measuring sensor ( $l_1$ ) delivering a first measurement signal ( $S_1$ ) for the position of a first mobile element ( $2_1$ ) that is moving along a trajectory ( $T_1$ ), where the value of the first measurement signal ( $S_1$ ) depends on the position of the said mobile element in an open magnetic circuit ( $3_1$ ),

- at least one second magnetic measuring sensor ( $l_2$ ) delivering a second magnetic measurement signal ( $S_2$ ) for the position of a second mobile element ( $2_2$ ) that is moving along a trajectory ( $T_2$ ) adjacent to the movement trajectory ( $T_1$ ) of the first mobile element, where the value of the second measurement signal ( $S_2$ ) depends on the position of the said mobile element in an open magnetic circuit ( $3_2$ )

- and a correction arrangement according to claim 1.

6. (currently amended) A measuring installation according to claim 7, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ each magnetic measuring sensor ( $l_1$ ,  $l_2$ ) includes resources ( $4_1$ ,  $4_2$ ) for the creation of a magnetic flux in a direction perpendicular to the surface ( $5_1$ ,  $5_2$ ) of at least one polar part from which there emanates a

magnetic leakage flux whose strength varies with the surface area of the polar part along the movement axis, where these magnetic flux creation resources ( $4_1$ ,  $4_2$ ) are mounted to be movable by the mobile element, forming at least one magnetic gap ( $8_1$ ,  $8_2$ ) with a polar part forming part of the open magnetic circuit, with each magnetic measuring sensor including at least one measuring cell ( $11_1$ ,  $11_2$ ) mounted in a fixed manner in the magnetic circuit close to an end point of the trajectory so as to measure the magnetic flux delivered by the creation resources less a magnetic leakage flux appearing from the polar part and varying along the trajectory.

9. (currently amended) A measuring installation according to claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the magnetic flux creation resources ( $4_1$ ,  $4_2$ ) of the two measuring sensors are mounted close to each other along parallel trajectories.

10. (currently amended) A measuring installation according to claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein each magnetic measuring sensor ( $1_1$ ,  $1_2$ ) includes a second measuring cell ( $13_1$ ,  $13_2$ ) mounted in a fixed manner in the magnetic circuit ( $3_1$ ,  $3_2$ ) close to the other trajectory end point, so as to measure the magnetic flux delivered by the creation resources ( $4_1$ ,  $4_2$ ) less the magnetic leakage flux.

11. (currently amended) A measuring installation according to claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the magnetic flux creation resources ( $4_1$ ,  $4_2$ ) are mounted to be movable in translation.

12. (currently amended) A measuring installation according to claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the magnetic flux creation resources ( $4_1$ ,  $4_2$ ) are composed of a radially or axially magnetised disk-shaped or annular element ( $14_1$ ,  $14_2$ ) whose axis is parallel to the movement axis in translation.

13. (currently amended) A measuring installation according to claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the magnetic flux

creation resources are composed of a series of at least four magnets (15<sub>1</sub>, 15<sub>2</sub>) whose directions of magnetisation are shifted, two by two, by 90°.

14. (currently amended) A measuring installation according to claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the open magnetic circuit (3<sub>1</sub>, 3<sub>2</sub>) includes a second polar part (18<sub>1</sub>, 18<sub>2</sub>) placed opposite to the first polar part (5<sub>1</sub>, 5<sub>2</sub>) forming, together with the latter, a magnetic gap (19<sub>1</sub>, 19<sub>2</sub>).

15. (currently amended) A measuring installation according to claim 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second polar part (18<sub>1</sub>, 18<sub>2</sub>) is equipped with resources for creation of the magnetic flux (4<sub>1</sub>, 4<sub>2</sub>).

16. A measuring installation according to claim 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second polar part (18<sub>1</sub>, 18<sub>2</sub>) is formed by a tubular element fitted with the radially magnetised annular element (14<sub>1</sub>, 14<sub>2</sub>).

17. (currently amended) A measuring installation according to claim ~~13~~ 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein one or the other of the polar parts (5<sub>1</sub>, 18<sub>1</sub> - 5<sub>2</sub>, 18<sub>2</sub>) has a plane profile designed to improve the linearity of the output signal delivered by the measurement cells (11<sub>1</sub>, 13<sub>1</sub> - 11<sub>2</sub>, 13<sub>2</sub>).